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Florence, April 14.

OUr Letters form *Genoua* tell us, that that State had ordered their Convoy for the Coast of *Spain*, which shews they have at present no apprehentions of the French; and from *Rome*, that the Spanish Ambassador, the Marquis *de Liche*, had been at *Capua*, and had a meeting with the Vice-King of *Naples*, to consult with him about the present Affairs. We have an account of a very wicked Action; that has been committed by the Seamen of a Man of War belonging to *Legborne*, *viz.* That they had conspired against their Captain, and other the principal Officers, and had killed them, and then carried the Ship into *Candia*, where they had been very kindly received by the Bashaw, who gave them 8 Dollars apeice, and that some of those miserable Wretches had turned Turks.

Ratisbonne, April 28. Monsieur *Verjus* the French Minister presses for an Answer to the Memorial he lately presented to the Dyet: The Electoral Colledge, as we have already told you, came to a resolution upon it the 6th Instant, but that of the Princes has not yet had it before them, the Deputy of *Austria*, who is Director of their Assembly, wanting, as he says, Directions from the Emperor.

Brussels, May 5. On Saturday last, his Excellency took a review of the Troops in Garrison here, and has since ordered them a Months Pay; and it's said his Excellency is resolved to have all the Forces in these Countries constantly paid every six Weeks. Monsieur *Delval* is expected here this Night from *Paris*, being called hither by his Excellency, to give an account of his Negotiation, and to receive new Instructions. Prince *William* of *Furstemburg* is at *Liege*, to conclude the Treaty of Accommodation between his Electoral Highness and that City. This Week arrived the Spanish Courier, when he left *Madrid*, the Prince of *Parma*'s departure from hence was not known there.

Hague, May 9. The 4th Instant, the Burghers of this Place were in Arms, according to their annual Custom, but the Rainy Weather very much disappointed them; for having performed their Exercises before the Apartments of the Prince and Princess of *Orange*, and the Houses of the French Ambassador, and of Mr. *Chudleigh*, Envoy Extraordinary from his Majesty of *Great Britain*, they were forced to give over, and to separate, without performing the like respects to the other Foreign Ministers here; who that they might take nothing amiss, were the next day Complimented by Deputies from the Magistrates, and the Council of the Burghers.

Paris, May 9. We are told that among other Points now before the Deputies of the Clergy, this is one, That there shall be no Appeals to *Rome*, and that the Bishops or other Clergy of this Kingdom shall not Address themselves in any matters to the Pope, save only the Arch-Bishop of *Paris*; which, if so, looks like a total casting off of the Popes Authority, and the making the Arch-Bishop of *Paris* Patriarch or chief Bishop of the Gallican Church. From *Strasburg* they write that on the 12 of the last Month several Troops took their post in the new Citadel, being appointed to be a Garrison there.

Windsor, May 1. This day Sir *Robert Holmes* waited upon His Majesty with an Address from the Isle of *Wight*, which he then Presented, having first acquainted His Majesty that the Inhabitants of the Isle of *Wight* had desired him to assure His Majesty of their utmost Abhorrence of any such as should attempt to disturb His Majesty or the Government as it is now setled; and as a Testimony thereof, to Present this following Address under their hands, which His Majesty was pleased to receive with his wonted Goodness.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, the Governor, with other the Officers of Your Majesties Militia *in the Isle of* Wight, *the Justices of Peace, Gentry, and the Mayors, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Your Majesties Corporations of* Newport, Newtown, *and* Yarmouth, *in the said Island, having great cause to praise God for his great Mercies to us, in Restoring Your Majesty to Your Throne, and with you, Great Sir, in restoring to all your living Subjects our once ruined Church, our Lives, Liberties, and Properties, so long a Prey to the exorbitant Wills of wicked Usurpers; insomuch that we may truly look upon Your Sacred Majesty as our Redeemer (for so you are) from a most dreadful Tyranny and Bloody Servitude; which Blessing, we heartily wish may make as thankful an Impression on the hearts of all your Subjects in general, as it doth upon ours; Do unanimously bless God for all occasions which he affords us of manifesting our just Resentments of our Peace and Tranquility, with the free Exercise and full Fruition of all our just Rights, both Publick, and Private, the happy effects of Your Majesties Reign and Government, which not only our Gratitude to Heaven, (and you Sir) but our Interest obligeth us to defend and support to the utmost of our Powers. And therefore we do, with all Truth and Sincerity of heart, declare, That we will stand by your Excellent Majesty and Lawful Successors, with our Lives and Estates, and even to the last drop of our Blood defend your Majesties Sacred Person, your just Rights, and Prerogatives, and the Good Laws and well-constituted Government of this Kingdom, under a Monarch, against the Villanies and Malice of all such as shall endeavour to hurt you, or subvert your Monarchy. And we do hereby declare our Detestation of, and protest against all new Models of Government in Church or State, that are anywise inconsistent with your Majesties just Rights and Kingly Power, by whomsoever countenanced or attempted; and more particularly against that* Association, *as full of*

Weakness

Weakneſs and Folly, as rank Wickedneſs and Treaſon, produced at the Proceedings againſt the Earl of Shaftsbury; *in which the Contrivers have (we cannot ſo properly ſay uſed, as) abuſed your Majeſties Sacred Name to colour a horrid deſign of ſeducing your Majeſties Subjects to ſubject their Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates to new and extravagant Powers, and to Proſecutions and Judgments altogether ſtrange and unknown to your Majeſties Law and Conſtitutions of this your Realm, and under the ſpecious pretence of preſerving our publick Rights, to delude us into utmoſt confuſion.*

For prevention of which deſtructive Innovations, as far as we are able, we do further aſſure your Majeſty, whenſoever it ſhall be your Pleaſure to call a Parliament, we ſhall endeavour to Elect ſuch Repreſentatives for us, as ſhall not only oppoſe all ſuch odious Deſigns, and unwarrantable Subtilties, but ſhall labour with all imaginable Induſtries to apply to the Promoters thereof the Shame and Puniſhment due to their abominable Crimes: From which, and their dire effects, we heartily pray to God to preſerve your Majeſty, to make you beloved at home, and feared abroad, and to give you a long and proſperous Reign, to the great Comfort of your well-wiſhing Subjects.

Briſtol. ſſ. Eaſter-Seſſions, 1682.

To the Right Worſhipful Sir *Thomas Earle* Knight, Mayor of the City of *Briſtol*, and the Right Worſhipful and Worſhipful the Aldermen, His Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for this City and County, in their General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace now aſſembled.

WE the Grand-Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King, and the Body of the County of this City, having too great occaſion given us by ſeveral infamous, ſcandalous, and ſeditious Libels, of late diſperſed here, (namely two) purporting themſelves Printed by R. Janeway, *under the Title of the* Impartial Proteſtant Mercury, *No.* 89 *and* 96. *and four others, the one Intituled,* The ſad and lamentable Cry of Oppreſſion and Cruelty in the City of *Briſtol*, &c. *another Intituled,* More ſad and lamentable News from *Briſtol*, &c. *another,* The Devouring Informers of *Briſtol*, &c. *and the other,* The Proteſtant Courant, *purporting it ſelf Publiſhed by* Richard Baldwin, *do upon diligent Reading and Peruſing of them, and Examination of the matters concerning this City therein ſet forth, preſent the ſame to be for the moſt part utterly falſe, and thoſe few Truths that are therein contained, to be moſt maliciouſly repreſented; whereas what is therein complained of, (if impartially related) would have appeared to all honeſt and unbyaſſed men, to be, not only agreeable to Law and Reaſon, but commendable alſo. We deem all thoſe Libels to be the contrivance of factious and diſaffected Perſons to his Majeſty and our preſent Eſtabliſhments in Church and State, who endeavour by all means to calumniate divers of the Magiſtrates of this City, the Right Reverend Father in God our Lord Biſhop, the Right Worſhipful Sir* John Knight, *one of our Sheriffs,* John Romſey *Eſq; our Town-Clerk,* John Hellier *Gent. Chief Conſtable of the Ward of* St. James, *and ſeveral other Conſtables and others, who out of their Zeal to the Church, and their Loyalty and Obedience to the King and his Laws, have been active and induſtrious in putting them in execution: And we humbly recommend it to this Court, as the ſenſe of this City, That the Authors and Diſperſers of theſe, and all ſuch like Libels, may be ſeverely proceeded againſt, and Puniſhed; and that the Libels themſelves may paſs under ſome publick and exemplary mark of the diſpleaſure and deteſtation of this Court. We are very glad to ſee and obſerve that your Worſhips Proceedings in executing the Laws againſt Diſſenters, have been productive of ſuch good fruits, in order to the reconciling divers of His Majeſties Subjects here to the Government both in Church and State. And particularly we congratulate* Eraſmus Dole, (*a Quaker*) *for his taking the Oath of Allegiance now tendred him, which he refuſed laſt Seſſions, and are ſo far from any inſolent Triumph on that occaſion, that we think our ſelves, and all Loyal Men, obliged in Chriſtian Charity to encourage and cheriſh him, and all others in returning to their Loyalty to His Majeſty, and reconciling themſelves to the Church.*

And whereas Baldwin's *Libel before-mentioned, hath the impudence to Charge the execution of the Laws here with Partiality towards Papiſts; for the juſt Vindication of this City in that particular, we Preſent and Affirm That there are not, nor for ſeven years laſt paſt, and more, have been, to the beſt of our knowledge, above two Families of Papiſts within this City and County; one of which removed to avoid Proſecution, and the other hath hitherto eſcaped it (as many ſcores of other Recuſants have done) by ſheltring themſelves in the Caſtle, being Extra-Parochial, and their common Sanctuary; but even there, we hope the Juſtice of this Court will in ſhort time find them all out, and bring them to Conformity, or condign Puniſhment.*

We have lately brought to our hands another Libel, ſtiled, The Addreſſes importing an Abhorrence of an Aſſociation, &c. *purporting to be Printed for* R. Baldwin, *which having read, it gives us juſt occaſion to teſtifie our concurrence with thoſe of this City and elſewhere, who have formerly declared their Thanks to his Majeſty for his moſt Gracious Declaration of his Reaſons for Diſſolving the two laſt Parliaments, and their Deteſtation and Abhorrence of that Treaſonable Inſtrument of Aſſociation found in the Earl of* Shaftsbury's *Cloſet. And although we are not ſo tame as to wear Chains, or Worſhip the Hoſt, yet we declare our ſelves willing to bear the eaſie yoke of Obedience and Subjection due to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and to the Laws as now eſtabliſhed, and ſhall account it our Intereſt as well as Duty, according to our Sworn Allegiance, with our Lives and Fortunes to maintain and defend Him and them againſt that, and all other ſuch like damnable* Aſſociations *and Confederacies whatſoever. And in regard the Printers of theſe Libels are out of the Liberties of this City, we humbly requeſt your Worſhips to Addreſs His Sacred Majeſty in Council, and Implore the Aid and Aſſiſtance of that Board, in order to their being dealt with according to their demerits.*

Ordered, *That Mr. Town-Clerk prepare an Addreſs to His Majeſty and Council, that the Libellers of this City and Proceedings therein, might be brought to condign Puniſhment.*

This Court being very ſenſible of the great Diſhonor and Scandal the ſeveral Libels mentioned in the Preſentment of the Grand-Jury, have brought upon the Government of this City, and their Proceedings, and many of the Perſons named in them, do, for the vindication of the Proceedings and Perſons aforeſaid, and in deteſtation of ſuch malicious and evil Practices, Order, *That the ſaid ſeveral Libels be, at the riſing of the Court, publickly Burnt by the Bead' or Common Executioner, and that the Bellman attend them to Publiſh this* Order.

At the General Seſſion of the Peace, holden for the City and County of the City of *Cheſter*, the 10th of *April*, in the Four and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Lord, *CHARLES* the Second, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

WE the *Grand Jury*, *Sworn to enquire*, &c. *for the County of the City of* Cheſter, *do think our ſelves obliged in Duty to God, Allegiance to the King, and for the common Concern we have in our Countries ſafety, ſolemnly to Declare and Teſtifie to this Court, City, and the World, our utter Abhorrence and Deteſtation of all Seditious and Traiterous Projects, Conſpiracies, or Aſſociations, and particularly, that Treaſonable Model publiſhed in the Proceeding at the* Old Baily, *againſt the Earl of* Shaftsbury; *for we cannot but with Horror reflect upon ſo great a piece of Wickedneſs, when thoſe Men, who by God and Nature, are placed in the common rank of Subjects, ſhall by ſuch helliſh Devices, aſſume to themſelves an Arbitrary Power to ruine the Monarchy, and enſlave their Country; And though Religion, and the common Good be pretended, yet we have juſt reaſon to think, that the real Deſign is, to renew our late Miſeries, and embroil the Kingdom in a freſh Rebellion, whilſt they bind themſelves and their Aſſociates to purſue unto Deſtruction, all ſuch who out of a Principle of Conſcience and Allegiance, are reſolved to aſſiſt and maintain the Crown and Dignity, the juſt Rights and Prerogatives of His Majeſty, and this Monarchy in its Lineal Deſcent and Succeſſion. We having therefore a deep ſenſe of thoſe Miſeries which muſt inevitably befal our King and Country, if ſuch Conſpiracies ſhould take effect, do ſolemnly declare, that we will not eaſily and tamely part with our Religion, as it is now Eſtabliſhed in the Church of* England; *which we do firmly believe, to be in its Doctrine, Diſcipline, and Worſhip, moſt Pure and Apoſtolical. We do further declare, That we are highly ſatisfied with the Temper and Conſtitution of the Engliſh Monarchy, and that we truly Honour, and entirely Love the Perſon of our Sovereign. And whereas it appears too plainly to the World, that of late the courſe of Juſtice has been Obſtructed, and his Majeſty denied the Benefit of the very Laws he gives Life to, we cannot but with juſt deteſtation, abhor all Diſcourſes, Writings, or Actions, which ſhall preſume to juſtifie or excuſe that curſed* Aſſociation. *And we do declare laſtly, That we utterly deteſt the ſeditious Murmurings, undutiful Surmiſes, and unreaſonable Clamours of Men, factious and diſaffected to His Majeſties Perſon and Government: Both which we daily pray for, and reſolve (through Gods help) to Defend, with whatever we have or are.*

To this our Declaration, we humbly deſire the Concurrence of this Court, and that in Teſtimony of the Duty and Loyalty of this City, it may be preſented to His moſt Sacred Majeſty.

We the Juſtices of Peace, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Coroner of the ſaid City, whoſe Names are Subſcribed, do heartily concur with the Grand Jury in their ſaid Declaration.

At the General Seſſions of Aſſizes held at *Cheſter* for the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, the Third of *April*, 1682.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE *Your Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Grand Jury of Your Ancient County Palatine of* Cheſter, *do own (with our humble and hearty Thanks) Your Royal Care for us and the whole Nation by Your ſeaſonable preventing the horrid Effects of that Rebellious* Aſſociation, *found in my Lord of* Shaftsbury's *Cloſet, and produced againſt him at the* Old Baily, *which ſeems to outvie all Treaſonable Inventions, even that barbarous Vote of* Non-Addreſs *to Your Father of bleſſed Memory. It is likewiſe our Duty with all Gratitude, to acknowledge Your great Wiſdom in ordering the due Execution of the Law, the true Means to preſerve Your Sacred Majeſty in ſafety, to ſecure a Legal Succeſſion, and to perpetuate Peace and Unity in Church and State: And though ſome would Inſinuate among the Vulgar, the Republick Principle, That a Legiſlative Power may be in one or both Houſes of Parliament, and ſo make Votes equal to Acts, the conſequence of which Aſſertions, has proved ſo Fatal to this Nation, We do humbly beg leave hereby to declare to Your moſt Gracious Majeſty, and to the whole World, our Hatred and Deteſtation of that, and all abominable Tenets, which induce Mens Conſciences to diſpence with Oaths; and that we will upon all Occaſions, be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to manifeſt the ſame: To which, we account our ſelves ever bound by our Allegiance, Nature, and Religion, and ſhall ever pray to Him, by whom alone Kings Reign, for Your Sacred Majeſties long and proſperous Reign over us, and that all Arbitrary Aſſociations be ever Infatuated, is the continued Prayer of*

Dread SIR,
Your Majeſties moſt Loyal, and moſt Obedient Subjects.
The Subſcribers do heartily ſay *Amen.*

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Jury of the Town and Borough of Southwark, *in the County of* Surry, *Summoned and Sworn to Enquire and Preſent for our Sovereign Lord the King, and the ſaid Town and Borough, at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, holden for the ſaid County on Tueſday the Five and Twentieth day of* April, Anno Domini 1682. *at* Croydon *in the County aforeſaid.*

Dread Sir,

THE extraordinary Applications made unto us by certain eminent Perſons, upon our laſt Election of Burgeſſes for Parliament, (wherein it was laboured, though fruitleſſly, to perſwade us into ſuch a Choice, as would, in our opinion, have brought a perpetual Shame and Reproach upon this your Majeſties antient Borough) having raiſed in us early Apprehenſions of ill Deſigns on foot, we were poſſibly leſs ſurpriz'd than ſome others of Your Majeſties Subjects, to find, in the Papers containing the late Proceedings at the *Old-Baily* againſt *Anthony* Earl of *Shaftsbury*, Publiſhed by Your Majeſties ſpecial Command, among other things, a Model of a Traiterous Aſſociation, expreſly Sworn to be ſeized in the Cloſet of that Noble Peer, which expounded to us the reaſonable ground of our Fears aforeſaid: Yet we humbly beg leave to declare that we think our ſelves obliged not to come ſhort of any the moſt Zealous Abhorrers of it. And therefore, beſides that, we ſolemnly Vow, That by a firm Adherence to Your Majeſties Perſon and Government, we ſhall always approve our ſelves to be indeed True Proteſtants, without the vain affectation of that meer Name, ſo much of late profaned by a lewd application of it to thoſe who have all along abuſed it, to the impoſing upon ſuch of Your Majeſties Subjects, whoſe Credulity has render'd them ſeducible by the bare Pretext of Religion; and do alſo aſſure your Majeſty, and Publiſh to all the World our utter Deteſtation of all ſuch accurſed Projects as tend to the Diminution of Your Majeſties Honour, or the Subverſion of the Monarchy, and of all ſuch Perſons as are endeavouring